

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Yamaguchi, Hiroyoshi; Shimizu, Eiji
Assignee: NHK Spring Co., Ltd
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Applicants also are including a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time to allow a response to be file up to and including March 7, 2004. Applicants are also filing an affidavit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132.

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